



***Currents* 2006 Reducing Risk**

Check cashers accept security risk and internal theft as part of doing day-to-day business: they come with the territory and aren't likely to go away. As Frank Maranto, of insurer Marshall & Sterling notes in our lead story, "As much as the (financial services) industry has changed over the years, the types of crime that plague the industry have not." It's clear that crime never takes a holiday, and this issue of *Currents* is centered on the subject of security and crime prevention and what you can do to reduce your risk while still maintaining an inviting but protected environment.

We look at this important topic from a number of perspectives, including our lead story, store security recommendations from Bill Siegel, Bill Van Den Acre's article on security training for store employees, a piece on protecting your business during online transactions, and a lighter look at what an imaginary owner did to protect his store (page 30) and the problem that ensued from his decision. Abby Hans also weighs in on the subject of security and turns the tables on our readers with a series of questions (and some good answers) for you!

As pressing as the security issue is, FiSCA's improving relationship with the American Bankers Association is also an important and very timely topic. You can read about our initiatives to create a closer relationship with this very important group and how they're beginning to pay off on page six.

You'll also find a summary of current FiSCA activities, news and notes about our state associations, an interview with a FiSCA member selected at random and our Beltway Update, and other topics of interest.

As we begin our second year of publication, I'm pleased to note that our advertiser and reader bases continue to expand and that awareness of the magazine and the demand for reprints of *Currents* articles continue to grow.

While we've mapped out an exciting editorial grid for the year ahead, we still want to hear from you. Are there topics that you want to see *Currents* cover? Do you like what you've seen in *Currents* to date? Please share your thoughts and feelings with our Managing Editor, Phil La Borie (plaborie@currents-magazine.com)

And last, it's never too early to mark your calendars for the 18th Annual National FiSCA Conference and Exposition, October 7-9, 2006, at the Atlantis Hotel, Paradise Island.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. A. Dachis', written in a cursive style.

Gary A. Dachis
Chairman